MoA between HSL and Goodearth Maritime Ltd.

2517. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) has been signed in between Hindustan Shipyard Ltd. and M/s Goodearth Maritime Ltd., Chennai;

(b) if so, whether the said MoA debar Hindustan Shipyard Ltd. from entering into any further agreement for construction of vessels for other national/international ship owners;

(c) if so, the reasons for such conditions; and

(d) the quantum of loss, so far suffered by H.S.L following the agreement?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) An Agreement has been signed between Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) and M/s Goodearth Maritime Limited (GML) on 16.04.2005.

(b) to (d) As per the Agreement, in the absence of GML's orders, HSL is at liberty to accept construction/repair of any other vessels in order to keep the Yard running. HSL is free to accept orders from Government of India like from Defence, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep Administrations, etc. The orders of GML have contributed to improved financial performance of HSL.

Cruise terminus in Mormugao and Mumbai

2518. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mormugao Port Trust and Mumbai Port Trust propose to construct cruise terminus in their respective port areas;

(b) whether Government have received any such proposals from the two Port Trusts, and

(c) the details of each of the proposals, present status of the projects, revenue proposed to be generated and the investment proposed to be made?